

## **Henry Korous, West Valley City resident, Winner of Salt Lake County Division Spelling Bee**

- Son of Alan and Debbie Korous
- Henry won the local spelling bee on March 7, 2009; he will be one of three students to represent the State of Utah at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC on May 26th and 27th.
- Competed against 18 other spelling bee champions from around the Salt Lake Valley
- Won two round trip tickets compliments of The Salt Lake Valley Journal, scholarship money for college, a savings bond and a new dictionary
- Henry is an eighth-grade student at the Beehive Science and Technology Academy.
- Scripps National Spelling Bee, held in Washington D.C., is the nations largest and longest running spelling bee and was started in 1925 with nine contestants.
- It is single word elimination.
- Semifinalists gain both the opportunity to stay in the competition and bragging rights of appearing live on ESPN.
- Henry and his Dad are going to spend the week in Washington, D.C. seeing the sights. They hope to visit the Smithsonian Museums and some of the monuments.